



"Modern Pied Piper" Bait City for Campaign to Reduce Population of Rats, Twice That of Humans Here

A. C. Rowley, Famous "Rat Man," Sets Stage for War on Rodents, Baiting City Dumps, Factories and Business Buildings in Effort to Free City of Great Population of Rats.

The rat population of South Bend, said to be just twice as large as the number of human inhabitants, is doomed to die if the campaign carried on in this city by A. C. Rowley, the modern Pied Piper, is as successful as it has been in other cities. The "rat man" came to town last Thursday and has been busy since that time setting the stage for the "war on rats" which will begin next Wednesday. Mr. Rowley has established headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce where he may be reached by those desiring help in ridding their premises of rodents.

The public dumps were baited Friday afternoon and it is thought that before the rat war is over every factory, business building and residence in the city will be cleared of the pests. The method used by Mr. Rowley and his assistants are those approved by the United States Health department and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Bulletins issued by the government state that the rat is the worst animal pest in the world. It carries bubonic plague and many other

cantaloupe, tomatoes, baked potatoes, bananas, or miscellaneous foods, milk or cheese, peanut butter, bread, cake, or cereals.

"The barium carbonate must be thoroughly mixed with the bait so that the rats cannot eat the smallest portion of the bait without getting some of the poison. In the case of such substances as hamburger steak, cheese, etc., one part of the barium carbonate should be used to four parts of bait. Substances which cannot be thoroughly mixed with the barium carbonate should be cut into small pieces and thoroughly covered with the poison, and then worked in with a knife.

"The three kinds of bait should be divided into small portions, about a teaspoon each, and placed freely about the premises, alternating the three different kinds. It should be set at intervals of 10 to 15 feet. The different kinds of bait should not be mixed.

"The morning after baiting the dead rats should be removed and the baits examined to find which has attracted the most rats. Fresh bait should be used each night. Poles, cats, and dogs should be kept away from the bait. As an antidote an emetic should be used followed by Rochelle or Epsom salts.

Mr. Rowley expects to be in South Bend three or four weeks. After the war is begun in earnest Wednesday he promises a "hot time" for all the rats in the city.

IN LOCAL MUSIC CIRCLES

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Clara Fischman

Miss Theophila Maklelski presented her piano pupils in an enjoyable recital at Recital hall Friday evening. The program follows:

"The Fairy".....Wing

Jeannette Proudfoot

"The Bee and the Clover".....Gefel

Charlotte Lake

"Rondo Villagosa".....Dennee

"Hide and Seek".....Ellenber

Lois Gustafson

"Frolics of a Fairy Night".....Heller

Leona Kasmarek

"The Little Wanderer".....Guritt

"In Minuet at Court".....Heller

Jeanette Herr

"Highland Laddie".....Morey

"Gladys at Play".....Mokrejs

Carolyn Lake

"Minuet" from "L'Arlésienne".....Blzet

Mary Zimmerman

"In Springtime".....Cote

Everett Fiegle

"Fantasia in D Minor".....Mozart

Evelyn Larkin

"Grottoes March".....Sinding

"Shepherd and Shepherdess".....Godard

"Second Mazurka".....Godard

Joseph White

"Scherzo a Capriccio".....Mendelssohn

"Warrior's Song".....Heller

Florence Dannel

"Egmont's March".....Scharwenka

Ethel McDuffie

"An Invitation to Dance".....Weber

Bernice Kuhn

"Gavotte".....Sapellnikoff

"Poem".....MacDowell

"Caprice Espagnol".....Chaminade

Lynette Pasko

SAILOR HATS

The sailor hat, while not an outstanding feature of the millinery season, is a factor to be reckoned with. It seems most satisfactory when developed in coarse straw, and banded with a many-colored ribbon.

BLACK ENAMEL

Vanity cases of black enamel are smart. Sometimes they have figures in gold or are encrusted with many small stones.

BABY REINDEER

Baby reindeer is a new fur mentioned for fall. It is particularly liked for making fur collars and cuffs on motoring coats.

BETTER RAILWAY CONDITIONS HELP RUSSIA'S LEADERS

Facilities Are Constantly Improving—Hope for Good Harvest in Grain.

LONDON, July 1.—Moscow is already feeling the effects of spring, and is confident next winter will see Russia safe from the danger of famine.

Completed seed deliveries have resulted in considerable deliveries of food. The agriculture commissariat has called regional conferences at Moscow, Rostov, Petrograd, Samara, Ekaterinburg and Novonikolayevsk to review the results of the spring sowing campaign, outline plans for the autumn sowing and discuss financial credits.

Reports to the commissariat up to May 15, said that peasants are sowing to the utmost of their ability. In the Tarsien province 100,000 hectares more were sown than was expected. The German Volga commune has sown nearly 250,000 hectares instead of the 80,000 expected. Simbirsk province, not having received sufficient seeds, is said to have fared badly. In the Chuvash, Viatka and Ufa provinces there is a slight excess over expectations.

To the agricultural reports may be added the Astrakhan fishing reports. The catch has been excellent. So far it has exceeded 150,000 tons—a 35 per cent increase over last year even excluding the return from the Kalmuk region.

The food commissariat has reported that the single tax should produce a revenue of over 2,500,000 tons of grain.

Railway Conditions.

Railway conditions are constantly improving, according to official reports. The railway commissariat states that the railways are capable of fulfilling all present transport demands. As to water transport, the situation is bad, owing to lack of fuel and supplies.

A feature of the spring food campaign has been an effort to purchase cattle abroad. In northern provinces 330,000,000,000 roubles have been appropriated for this.

In an effort to attract industrial and agricultural workers, the soviet government has removed the tariff on personal effects of workers.

Spring has opened the port at Petrograd. During the first days of navigation, 70,000 tons of shipping arrived at Petrograd. Other steamers are arriving daily. Three Russian steamers have left for England with cargoes of flax, timber and chinaware.

Work For Idle.

The agricultural commissariat is employing workless men for irrigation, drainage and canal work in farming districts.

Removal of the government monopoly in agricultural implements has brought to Moscow experts of the Moline Plow company and the Ford company.

Moscow itself is indulging in a spring-cleaning campaign. In preparation for summer weather, the Moscow cotton-print factory has been reopened.

A national petroleum corporation has been formed for the realization of Russian petroleum in foreign markets and to acquire necessary foreign equipment for the petroleum industry.

Though all reports from Russia are encouraging American relief administration officials are playing safe. It has denied reports that relief activities will cease in September. Termination will be decided upon only when the actual harvest shows that Russia has emerged from the famine part of its ordeal.

PRINTED VELVETS.

Printed velvets are new, but by no means illogical fashion developments. They come in Persian designs and colorings as well as stripes and checks.

THE SHAWL.

The shawl, heavily fringed and embroidered, is the popular wrap for evening, while the crepe or shantung wrap does duty with the lingerie or afternoon frock.

Rapid Production of Movies Cause of Scarcity of New Plots and New Ideas for Silver Screen Artists

Rapid Development of Film Industry Has Caused Shortage of New Ideas for Scenarios From Which Movies Are Produced—Hollywood Scene of Birth of Silent Drama.

The making of movies was a funny thing way back in the day when Los Angeles catered mainly to the tourist, who thought a trip out there was less expensive than attempting to live up to the expectations of Palm Beach and before it became a den of iniquity. That industry was then having the time of its spoiled young life and strangely enough, it has failed to profit by experience and is burning up the road with that recklessness always associated with youth.

About a decade ago, moving picture producers were troubled by inadequate systems of lighting their indoor studios. A result was that the photography was exceedingly poor. In an effort to overcome this handicap, practically all scenes were "shot" out of doors. Unsettled weather conditions and a changing climate proved a detriment because of the time wasted in waiting for a bright day. Florida was tried as a location which would overcome any such handicap, but the land of oranges proved to be a poor compensation, due to a climate which was far from perfect. Some enterprising man conceived the idea that a California might offer a well nigh perfect solution of the problem and the first movie came to have its birth in the "Golden State."

It proved such a successful undertaking that before long almost all of the old trust had begun to send their companies out to the coast. Chose Hollywood.

About that time the trust began to lose its grip on the industry, causing many independent firms to venture into the wonderful. They chose California as the center of their business. Los Angeles, as the heart of the southern part of the state proved to be the nucleus around which they formed. Further north, the country was subject to

forces which made that section less desirable. The city of the Angels welcomed movies with open arms and chucked up another step in their rise to international notoriety and wealth. Hollywood, a suburb furnished a choice location with plenty of desirable sites rather close to the city.

At that time there were a number of large ranches around that vicinity which could be rented for a reasonable sum and they were snapped up immediately. A studio was put up in Hollywood proper which served as headquarters, a place to develop and cut films, and several other small studios which were used mostly in the production of comedies.

Motor to Ranches.

The actors and directors would assemble at the Hollywood studio, supposedly at 8 o'clock, but more often an hour late. Eventually they would all get into automobiles placed at their disposal by the company and travel over the nearby hills to the ranch. Here were a number of platforms with a frame around three sides which was covered with sheet to reflect the sunlight. A frame shack provided dressing rooms for the actors. Near at hand was the property room, loaded with interiors and furniture and every conceivable thing which might be of use.

About 10 o'clock, the various companies would begin to go to work. At noon they had an hour's breathing spell for lunch, some dining at the small company restaurant and the vast majority eating something they had taken with them. Work ended about 4:30, when everyone returned to the studio. When sets were needed which could hardly be found at the "lot," the automobiles around which they formed. Further around the vicinity until a place

could be found which appealed to the director.

In those days a feature picture consisted of two, or at most three reels and was finished in about a week.

Money Squandered.

Unlike most industries, they were poorly organized and much unnecessary waste resulted which was appalling. The property men rushed to Hollywood in trucks whenever a director wanted something, bought it for the company, and after it was used in perhaps one scene it was relegated to the "junk" in the property room where it rosted in disrepair. Complete villages were built merely to be burned up, when a row of skeleton structures with only one side would have done equally as well. Money came in so fast and so easily that it was squandered just as lavishly. There was little or no business organization.

The same thing applied to ideas. Pictures were turned out so rapidly that every idea that mortal ever conceived was run through before very many years had passed. Every person in the country contributed scenarios at about \$50 each. That is the reason behind the present dearth of new ideas in movies.

VULGAR DANCING MEANS RETURN OF THE WALTZ

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tion have helped it along a growing knowledge of everything has aided, and the youth of America has kept pace. All rumors to the contrary, no one can find much proof that the boys and girls are any the worse for it. True, the old puritanism is dying out, giving way to an openness and frankness which would have shocked our grandfathers and often shock our fathers. But modern educators have come to realize that frankness and a full knowledge of everything is more conducive to good than to evil.

Dancing An Art.

Dancing can be, and often is, carried to an excess as far as vulgarity is concerned, but that is no reason why all modern dances should be banned. The youth do not intentionally make them suggestive. The old adage that a work of art may be viewed two ways, one putting an obscene touch to it and the other seeing only its beauty, can apply to dancing as well as anything else.

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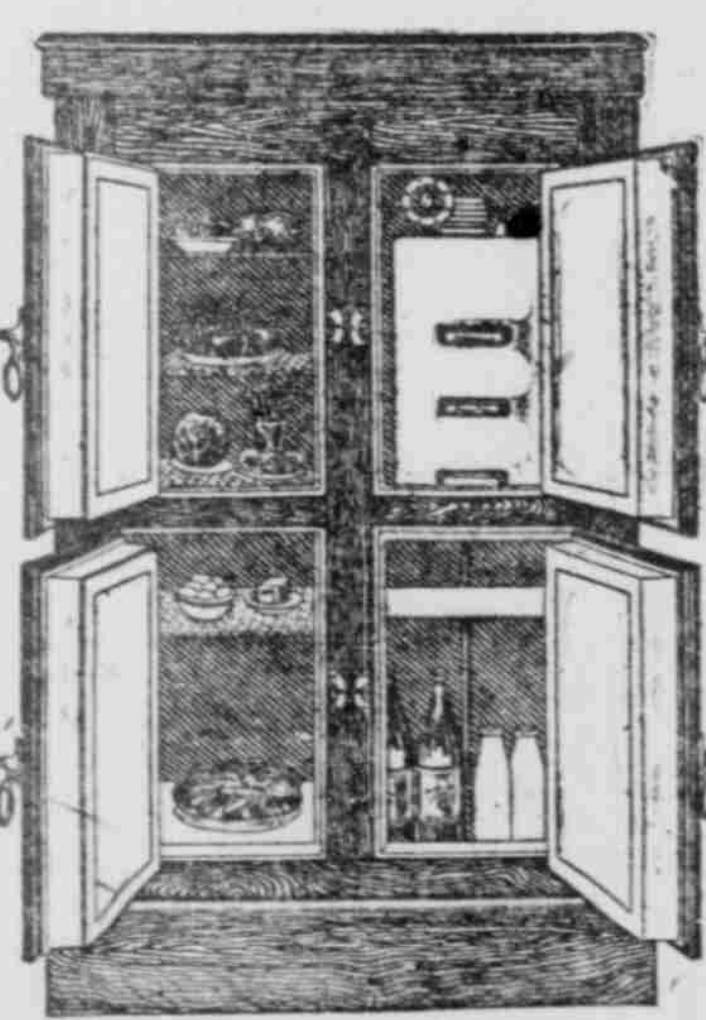
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new attracts his attention. If several baits are placed in a room, his suspicions are allayed, and he takes the bait quite as a matter of course.

"Barium carbonate, the bait used, is recommended by the government. The mineral has the advantage of being without taste or smell. It has a corrosive action on the mucous lining of the stomach and is not dangerous to larger animals, such as cats and dogs, unless taken in much larger quantities than are used for the rat bait. Its action upon the rats is slow, usually six or eight hours, so that the animals usually leave the premises in search of water. For this reason it may be used in houses without disagreeable results. Arsenic, strychnin, and phosphorus are commonly used, but the action is too rapid to make their use practicable.

"The method we use is the one advised by the United States Public Health service. Three or more kinds of bait should be used, each being mixed separately with barium carbonate. The three that may be used are meat, or other animal substance such as hamburger steak, canned salmon, eggs or oysters, fresh fruit or vegetable food, such as